

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (currently amended) A device for extinguishing a candle flame, comprising:
a container for holding a quantity of water;
means associated with the container for discharging under pressure during a dispensing cycle only up to about 1.0 ml of the water as an aerosolized, fog-like spray of water droplets
5 having a size of from about 1.0 to about 1000 microns distributed over a steep bell curve, and dispersed in a filled conical spray pattern insufficient to wet a surrounding surface, but sufficient to encompass the flame of a candle to extinguish the flame when the device is held in spaced relationship to the candle flame and without requiring contact between the device and the candle or the candle flame.
2. previously cancelled
3. (previously amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the quantity of water discharged in each dispensing cycle is only about 0.50 ml.
4. (previously amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the quantity of water discharged in each dispensing cycle is only about 0.08 ml.
5. (original) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
the size of the water droplets averages from about 65 microns to about 70 microns
6. previously cancelled.
7. (original) A device as claimed in claim 3, wherein:
the means associated with the container comprises a finger pump
- 8-17. previously cancelled

18. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein:
the means associated with the container comprises a finger pump dispenser having
an actuator button with a .012-inch mechanical break up insert to produce said droplet size and
full conical spray pattern.

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25. (currently amended) A device for extinguishing a candle flame, comprising:
a container holding a quantity of non-flammable fluid;
discharge means associated with the container for discharging under pressure during a
dispensing cycle a short burst of the fluid sufficient ~~only~~ to extinguish the flame and prevent
5 smoking of the candle when the discharge means is held in spaced relationship to the candle,
without requiring contact between the device and the candle or the candle flame.

26. (currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 25, wherein:
the fluid comprises water, and a quantity of the water is discharged during a dispensing
cycle sufficient only to extinguish the candle flame but insufficient to wet a surrounding surface.